

RESOLUTION NO. # 5

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TOWNS OF INDIAN LAKE, LONG LAKE, NEWCOMB, MINERVA, AND NORTH HUDSON CONCERNING THEIR PLAN FOR ECONOMIC SUCCESS
DATED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

BY: Cynthia Valik

WHEREAS, we are in receipt of a letter from the 5 TNC Towns (the Upper Hudson Recreation Hub / Indian Lake, Long Lake, Newcomb, Minerva, and North Hudson) expressing concerns over the current APA process , and

WHEREAS, we deem the Classification of the newly acquired TNC lands, and the subsequent management of same, as critically important to the future of the 5 Towns and the entire Adirondack Park, and

WHEREAS, we conclude that for all of us to say, it is a new day in the Adirondack Park, that means we ALL must do business differently, and

WHEREAS, the sense that APA, may be poised to, 'do business as usual', is of grave concern, and

WHEREAS, staff references, to things like the Snowmobile Guidance Document, as an alleged barrier to recreation, are at a minimum disheartening, and

WHEREAS, the failure of APA staff to acknowledge the economic significance of snowmobiling is just WRONG, and

WHEREAS, these observations only reinforce the message which was previously sent by the APA, when they failed to offer a broader spectrum of options for public consideration during the Classification process, specifically the sad reality, that no option considered a campsite or a significant Intensive Use Area, and

WHEREAS, based on this disturbing pattern, we find it critical to weigh in, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Morehouse Town Board hereby asserts that the desires and the direction of the Upper Hudson Recreation Hub (Indian Lake, Long Lake, Newcomb, Minerva, and North Hudson), are absolutely consistent with:

1. The Common Ground Alliance stated vision for a more sustainable/usable Park
 2. The Rec Strategies work asserting the need for more recreational opportunities (the Upper Hudson Recreational Hub was actually showcased as a pilot area)
 3. The Adirondack Futures vision for a more usable Park
 4. The highly touted success story of the Moose River Plains partnership
 5. The Governor's stated vision for these lands
 6. Commissioner Marten's stated vision for these lands
- and be it further

RESOLVED, that it is critically important that the APA recognize the physical and logical reasons to classify these lands as Wild Forest:

1. These lands contain a network of roads sufficient to support higher levels of use
 2. These lands contain existing bridges sufficient to support higher levels of use
 3. The leases on these lands will provide continued motorized use, authorized through 2018 for lease holders and 2019 for TNC
- and also be it

RESOLVED, that the use of an Intensive Use Corridor, similar to the successful example demonstrated in the Moose River Plains, is hereby encouraged. This is to allow roadside camping at greater densities of camping, both of which are designed to entice use away from more environmentally sensitive areas. Plus an Intensive Use Corridor will open up the opportunity for a groomed cross country ski trail connection between all of the participating towns, and be it also

RESOLVED, that the Morehouse Town Board hereby goes on record, with the strongest level of support possible, for the Governor's vision that these lands should provide recreational opportunities for all recreational users, as set forth in the plan offered by the Upper Hudson Recreation Hub (the 5 towns), and be it further

RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor Cuomo, Senator Farley, Senator Little, Assemblyman Butler, Assemblyman Stec, Commissioner Martens, Chairwoman Ulrich, AATV.

Seconded by: Daniel Virgil and adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: D. Virgil; B. Taylor; W. Farber; C. Garvin; C. Valik

Nays: None

I, Amanda Seeley, Town Clerk of the Town of Morehouse do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Morehouse Town Board at a regular meeting held on the 9th day of August 2013.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Town this 10th day of August 2013.

Amanda Seeley
Town Clerk